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	AK	0 599 640	06/01/1994	EPO			
	AL	96/08206	03/21/1996	International			
	AM	96/39975	12/19/1996	International			
	AN	97/19646	06/05/1997	International			
	AO	97/20513	06/12/1997	International			
	AP	97/22306	06/26/1997	International			

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author's Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	AQ	Advertisement for Profile Compression Plate, Depuy Motech, Inc., 1998 (2 pages).
	AR	Information regarding the VentroFix implant by Synthes. Although the date of publication of this information is unknown by Applicants, it is Applicants' understanding that the Ventrofix product was available before Applicants' priority date (4 pages).

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

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
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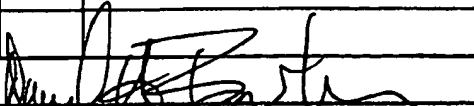
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